

AMENDMENT

In response to the office Action dated January 30, 2003, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

C₁ 1. (Three times amended) An apparatus for converting an original set of source objects by reducing the number of objects required to display a description document, said apparatus comprising a generating means for generating a set of new objects, from said original set of source objects in the document, a number of new objects in said set of new objects being fewer than a number of objects in said original set of source objects, said fewer objects obtaining a display image equivalent to the display of an image obtained from said original set of source objects,

wherein said generating means generates said new objects from a transparent or translucent source object and other source objects located at a layer lower than a layer including said transparent or translucent source object and spatially overlapping said transparent or translucent source object,

wherein said generating means generates a new merged object including at least a first source object and a second source object superimposed on said first source object.

C₂ 10. (Three times amended) A method for converting an original set of source objects by reducing the number of objects required to display a description document, said method comprising a step of generating a set of new objects, from said original set of source objects in the document, a number of said new objects forming a set of new objects fewer than a number of

said source objects forming said original set of source objects, to obtain a display image equivalent to the display image obtained from said set of source objects,

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wherein said generation step generates said new objects from a transparent or translucent source object and other source objects located at a layer lower than a layer including said transparent or translucent source object and spatially overlapping said transparent or translucent source object,

wherein said generating step generates a new merged object including at least a first source object and a second source object superimposed on said first source object.

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19. (Three times amended) A computer program for causing a computer to execute a method for converting an object display description document by reducing the number of objects required for the display, said method comprising a generation step of generating, from an original set of source objects in the document, a set of new objects which are fewer than a number of said objects forming said original set of source objects, in order to obtain a display image equivalent to the display image obtained from said original set of source objects,

wherein said generation step generates new objects from a transparent or translucent source object and other source objects located at a layer lower than a layer including said transparent or translucent source object and spatially overlapping said transparent or translucent source object,

wherein said generating step generates a new merged object including at least a first source object and a second source object superimposed on said first source object.
